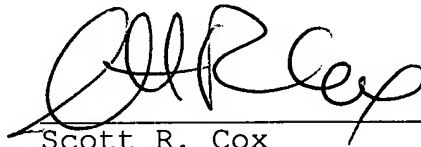


**CONCLUSION**

The applicants believe that all remaining claims are now in condition for review. Further, applicants' counsel has no record of receiving a telephone call from the Examiner on December 19, 2003 and notes that it is always his practice to respond to a request for restriction, if at all possible.

If there are any questions concerning this response, please contact applicants' counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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